

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for June 14, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags, and place them on the curb.

### Well Being Council meeting June 15

The Well-Being Action Council will meet 9 a.m., June 15, at the Aberdeen Post Chapel, Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Sheryl Speerstra, 410-306-4522.

### JPED change of command ceremony

The Joint Personal Effects Depot change of command ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m., June 19, on Fanshaw Field.

Lt. Col. Deborah S. Skillman will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Louis S. Kilmon.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the APG Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Capt. Carol Gardner, 410-278-0056, or carol.denise.garner@us.army.mil, or Staff Sgt. Karen King, 410-278-4990, or karen.i.king@us.army.mil.

### Background checks for guest hunters

Applications for those who wish to hunt as a guest on APG will be processed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 24, building 550B, The Archery Range on Student Drive.

Law enforcement personnel will be on hand to process all paperwork.

Authorized sponsors should inform their guests (Maryland residents only) to be prepared to be fingerprinted. They must present proof of identity, such as driver's license, passport, or government issued ID card. The fee is \$15.

For more information, call Michael Davis, The APG Bowman, Inc., 410-306-0572.

### Youths participate in ChalleNGe Program Invitational

Almost 600 National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program Cadets from 12 states, including those from APG, will compete in the 10th Anniversary of the

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## Patriotism focus of Memorial Day ceremony

Story and photo by  
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Carrying on the tradition of honoring the nation's war-fighters through veterans and youths was the focus of the Memorial Day tribute held at the Edgewood Area Cemetery May 29.

Edgewood American Legion Post 17, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337 in Abingdon and the Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council co-hosted the ceremony which featured music by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Larsen, and a gun salute by the 143rd Ordnance Battalion Honor Guard led by Staff Sgt. John Richardson.

Special guests included Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, who offered remarks; Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; and Col. James Jagielski, APG Garrison chaplain who gave



Timothy J. Baird of the Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council recites the poem "I Knew You Once," written by World War II combat crew member Scott Aylesworth, during the Memorial Day Tribute at the Edgewood Cemetery May 29.

the invocation. Post 17 Chaplain Marty Marzicola gave the benediction.

Nadeau said he intentionally kept his remarks short, preferring to focus on the "event itself." He commented on the variety of participants, particularly the youths in attendance.

"We make a fuss about large ceremonies," Nadeau said, "but nothing beats a small ceremony like this."

The program's host, Timothy J. Baird, Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi

Council, recited the poem "I Knew You Once," by World War II combat crew member Scott Aylesworth. He remarked that the poem, "still rings true today."

"To those defending our country today, as we did in the

past, we salute you for doing the right thing so that others can enjoy the same liberty as we do," Baird said.

Members of the American Legion and VFW Ladies Auxiliaries and Junior Auxiliaries performed the traditional wreath laying as the crowd watched solemnly then all heads bowed as the Honor Guard fired a salute and the band's Staff Sgt. Robert Bauerle played "Taps" on trumpet.

The program concluded with the band's playing of the Military Medley honoring all branches of America's armed forces.

During a reception at American Legion Post 17, plaques and certificates of appreciation were presented to Nadeau, Wright, Larsen and the entire band.

"You folks make this day so special," Baird said.

Wright said that APG was committed "to supporting those who support us."

"It's important to continue interactions with veterans through these ceremonies," he

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## Army streamlines to one blue Army Service Uniform

Army News Service

Army service uniforms will be streamlined to one blue Army Service Uniform, the Army announced June 5.

"World-class Soldiers deserve a simplified, quality uniform," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston. "The blue Army Service Uniform is a traditional uniform that is consistent with the Army's most honored traditions."

"We have all of these variations of uniforms – green, blue and white," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker. "It makes sense for us to go to one traditional uniform that is really sharp and high quality and which Soldiers will be very proud to wear. And that's what we've done by adopting this blue Army Service Uniform that reflects simplicity, quality, utility and tradition."

Many Soldiers already own an Army blue uniform (now to be called the Army Service Uniform) and may continue to wear it.

Improvements will be made to the fabric and fit. Reduction of the number of uniforms will reduce the burden on Soldiers for purchases and alteration cost.

Introduction in the Army Military Clothing Sales stores should begin in fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007. Introduction in the Clothing Bag should begin first quarter 2009. The Mandatory Possession Date is expected to be fourth quarter fiscal year 2011.

A wear-out date for the Army Green Class A and White dress uniforms will be determined at a later date.

The consolidation of Army service uniforms is part of a streamlining process.

In 2004, the Army reduced the number of battle dress uniforms from three to one when it adopted the Army Combat Uniform in place of the Woodland Green Battle Dress Uniform (winter and summer versions) and the Desert Combat Uniform. That uniform consolidation has been a resounding success in terms of Soldier acceptance and reducing the variety of combat uniforms with which they must deal.

Army Blue as a uniform color traces its origins back to the National Blue and was first worn by Soldiers in the Continental Army of 1779.

Besides tradition, the Army Service Uniform reflects utility, simplicity and quality.

In utility, the blue Army Service Uniform provides a basic set of components that allow Soldiers to dress from the lowest end to the highest

end of service uniforms with little variation required.

In simplicity, the blue Army Service Uniform eliminates the need for numerous sets of green Class A uniforms, service blue uniforms and, for some, Army white mess uniforms (and tunics, for women). Streamlining various service uniforms into one Army Service Uniform reduces the burden on Soldiers in the same

manner that the Army Combat Uniform did for the field utility uniform.

In quality, the blue Army Service Uniform is made of a durable material that is suitable for daily use without special care.

Information about the blue Army Service Uniform and its composition is available at [www.army.mil/symbols/uniforms](http://www.army.mil/symbols/uniforms).

## Police Academy receives accreditation to become Regional Training Academy

Story by  
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The APG Police Academy has advanced to the next level having been chosen as one of the Regional Civilian Police and Guard Training academies during an accreditation ceremony May 24.

The U.S. Army Office of the Provost Marshal General and the U.S. Army Police School chose the police academy to provide an Army approved law enforcement training curriculum.

During the ceremony, Col. Rick Swengros, assistant commandant of the U.S. Army MP school, spoke on how this accreditation will affect the Army.

A "standard school for police benefits the whole Army," Swengros said. "[The accreditation] has been a process. Everything we do with Army accreditation we take very seriously."

The APG Police Academy will have met all MP School standards including training infrastructure, facilities and instructors once they execute the new curriculum, according to Swengros.

Reed and Swengros presented Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Robert W. Krauer, director of Law Enforcement and Security, a certificate for the accreditation.

"We appreciate the accreditation and welcome new cadets," Wright said.

Krauer said Mike Loe, program manager for the OPMG's Physical Security Branch for DA civilian police and guards and the Contract Security Guard Programs, and David Reed, chief of Law Enforcement Operations Branch at the USAMPS in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., visited APG over the past year to observe training and to help with APG's Police Academy becoming an Army Regional Academy.

Loe and Reed are responsible for designing and carrying out the accreditation to ensure DA civilian police and guards are trained to Military Police standards and improve security of garrisons in the continental United States.

"It's really important to keep standards high," Swengros said. "If you don't instruct police professionally they could make decisions that jeopardize lives and criminal cases."

Prior to this centralized program, officials of installations had to accomplish the training mission with local assets or hire outside organizations to train the police officers, Swengros said.

This created a problem because not all DA civilian police and guards were learning the same concepts and procedures from their instructors during training.

Now a select number of certified officers will train police at the police academy to ensure everyone is learning the same information, Swengros said.

White Sands Missile Range, N.M., will be the other regional site for training DA civilian police and guards. This site along with the APG Police Academy will temporarily add to the USAMPS Law Enforcement Academy at Fort Leonard Wood.



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## Lynyrd Skynyrd returns to APG

Story by  
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Tickets are still available for the Army Concert Tour featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd, 3 Doors Down and Danielia Cotton, coming to Aberdeen Proving Ground Shine Sports Field, 7 p.m., June 24.

For tickets, visit MWR Registration in building 3326, call 410-278-4907/4621/4011, TTY: 410-278-4110, FAX 410-278-9083, e-mail [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil) or use Ticketmaster at 800-551-SEAT or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

For more information, visit the MWR Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).  
**Lynyrd Skynyrd**  
[www.lynyrdskynyrd.com](http://www.lynyrdskynyrd.com)

Lynyrd Skynyrd has been described as "the definitive southern rock band."

The band reached prominence during the 1970s under the leadership of vocalist and primary songwriter Ronnie Van Zant, until his death in 1977.

The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on March 13, 2006, recognizing it as was one of the most commercially

successful and critically acclaimed Southern Rock groups of the 1970s. Their distinctive triple-lead guitar sound made their songs "Freebird" and "Sweet Home Alabama" American anthems and staples of FM radio. Members inducted include: Ronnie Van Zant, Gary Rossington, Allen Collins, Leon Wilkeson, Bob Burns, Billy Powell, Ed King, Artimus Pyle and Steve Gaines.

The band, first called My Backyard, was formed in Jacksonville, Fla., in the summer of 1964 by teenage friends, Ronnie Van Zant (vocals), Allen Collins (guitar), Gary Rossington (guitar), Larry Junstrom (bass), and Bob Burns (drums).

During the 1960s, the band changed names several times. In 1970, Van Zant jokingly named the band after their high school gym coach Leonard Skinner and the name stuck, eventually becoming Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The band's popularity grew as it performed throughout the south in the early 70s.

In 1972 they signed with MCA Records and produced their first album in 1973, "Pronounced Leh-Nerd Skin-Nerd," with the single "Free Bird," that eventually reached 19

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